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SUBJECT: ESTATE OF JULIA FEININGER

FOR: AMBASSADOR COOPER

1. MR. RALPH F. COLIN, SENIOR PARTNER OF THE NEW YORK LAW FIRM OF ROSENMAN, COLIN, KAYE, PETSCHKE, FREUND & EMIL HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT FINAL COURT HEARING CONCERNING THE DISPOSITION OF APPROXIMATELY 40 PAINTINGS BY AMERICAN ARTIST LIONEL FEININGER WILL TAKE PLACE IN DRESDEN, OCTOBER 15. MR. COLIN ANTICIPATES THAT THE COURT DECISION WILL BE IN FAVOR OF HIS CLIENT, MRS. JULIA FEININGER, AND THEREFORE HE WILL NOT ATTEND DRESDEN COURT HEARING.

2. IF MRS. FEININGER WINS CASE, AS ANTICIPATED, THE QUESTION OF HOW TO REMOVE PAINTINGS FROM THE GDR MUST BE WORKED OUT WITH GDR AUTHORITIES. MR. COLIN WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO DISCUSS THIS QUESTION WITH AMBASSADOR COOPER. MR. AND MRS. COLIN WILL BE IN LONDON AND PARIS ON A PRIVATE TRIP NOVEMBER 27 THROUGH DECEMBER 9 AND MR. COLIN WOULD LIKE TO INVITE AMBASSADOR AND MRS. COOPER TO DINNER IN WEST BERLIN, PARIS OR LONDON, IF THIS WOULD NOT BE INCONVENIENT.

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3. DEPARTMENT WILL FORWARD CORRESPONDENCE CONCERNING COURT CASE TO EMBASSY FOR ITS INFORMATION.

4. PLEASE ADVISE. KISSINGER

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